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President's Message

Hello UNICAN's,

It's always a good feeling when we're coming to the end of winter and looking forward to spring. The first event of spring is our Community Service Day on Saturday April 21st. As of this writing, we only have 14 members who signed up to volunteer their time that day and only a few for the afternoon. Since we are planning to be there from 8 AM until 4 PM, we need more members to volunteer, especially in the afternoon. Chuck will have his sign-up sheet at our next meeting so please help us out. And, if you can't make our meeting but still want to volunteer you can always contact Chuck directly.

The date for our golf outing has been finalized and will be on June 11th at Preakness Valley Golf Course in Totowa. This event is usually our biggest fund raiser. Considering we didn't hold too many events this year please try to support it either by attending the outing or possibly getting a hole sponsor.

Our meeting is being held at The Kitch on March 14th at 7 P.M. I hope to see everyone there.

Bruce Ponchak

Welcome to our newest member, Dominick

Please visit our website and click on the photo gallery



March Birthdays

03/03 Philip Barone
03/07 Joseph Barone
03/31 Kyle Eopechino

Photo Albums

All of our chapter events pictures can be seen on our website.

Additional pictures from our "NJ IV District" and also a lot from our "UNICO National" events can also be seen on their websites.

www.PassaicValleyUNICO.org

www.UNICO.org

www.UNICO-NJdistrictIV.4mg.com

Food Pantry

Please don't forget about our UNICO Phil Arena Food Pantry ... Your non-perishable food donation will restock it

You can bring it directly to the pantry in the basement of Holy Angels Church ... or to any chapter meeting

Upcoming Events – Local and National

March 14 ... 2nd Wednesday ... **Save the Date – Monthly Meeting** ... At the Kitch in Little Falls – 7:00 pm Dinner – 8:00 pm Meeting

March 23 & 24 ... Friday & Saturday ... **March Mid-Year Board Meeting in Myrtle Beach** ... Registration Forms to attend are available on the www.UNICO.org website

March 27 ... Tuesday ... **The 3rd NJ District IV Meeting** ... More information to follow ... Delegates should attend ... All members are always welcome to attend

April 21 ... Saturday ... **UNICO National and our Chapter's Community Service Day** See page 5 of this flier ... **"Our Service Above Self"**

June 18 ... Monday ... **The Pulling of the Winning Wine Raffle Ticket** ... 6:00 pm at PJ Rufo's in Woodland Park ... See page 6 of this Newsletter

July 25,26,27,28 ... Wednesday Ice Breaker, Thursday, Friday, Saturday meetings and workshops, Saturday Evening Gala ... **The UNICO National Convention in Delray Beach, FL** ... Delegates must register ... All are welcome and urged to attend ... Come on down and meet and hear more from your UNICO family

You can also see more events and dates from our NJ District IV Chapters by visiting the District website @ www.UNICO-NJdistrictIV.4mg.com

"UNICO"

Below are our CORE VALUES

**If you know of someone who has them,
Please invite them to a meeting and possibly
have them join our chapter as a new member**

U – Unity

N – Neighborliness

I – Integrity

C – Charity

O – Opportunity

"Service Above Self"

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Did you know these facts of what happened during the month of March?

Pope Pius XII was born on March 2, 1876

Michelangelo was born on March 6, 1475

St. Thomas Aquinas died on March 7, 1274

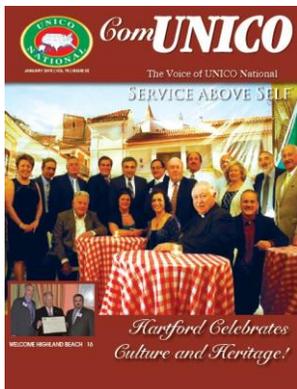
Amerigo Vespucci was born on March 9, 1454

Good & Welfare

A thank you from Steve & Pat Pelonero for your thoughts, prayers, calls and visitations for the passing Steve's 97 year old mother-in-law

ComUNICO

You can now read the ComUNICO Magazine online, just by clicking on the cover below



Who's Who

Our 2017-2018 Executive Board

President Bruce Ponchak
 1st Vice President Carmen Gaita Jr.
 2nd Vice President Eileen Wood
 Treasurer Joseph McGill
 Recording Secretary Patrick Ligouri
 Sgt. At-Arms Dominick Bucci

Our 2017-2018 Board of Directors

John Barbieri	Chapter President	2014 & 2015
Robert Appaluccio	Chapter President	2012 & 2013
Steve Pelonero	Chapter President	2010 & 2011
Carmen Criscione	Chapter President	2008 & 2009
Salvatore Benvenuti	Chapter President	2006 & 2007
Angelo Verrone	Chapter President	2004 & 2005

Our 2017-2018 Chapter Delegates

President Bruce Ponchak ... 47 Chapter Members
 Delegate Dominick Bucci
 Delegate Eileen Wood
 Alternate Delegate John Barbieri
 Alternate Delegate Sal Benvenuti
 Alternate Delegate Jean Chomko
 Alternate Delegate Joe McGill
 Alternate Delegate Joyce O'Hara

Fundraising Committee Heads

Bus Rides Elaine Barone, Mary Benvenuti, Joyce O'Hara
 Golf Outing Joe Barone
 Holiday Donations Robert Appaluccio
 Modell's Roni Corrado
 Overseas Armed Service Care Packages Pat Corrado
 Refrigerator with Wine Raffle - A 2020 Vision for UNICO Steve Pelonero

Non-Fundraising Committee Heads

Community Service Day (April)..... Chuck Russo
 Food Pantry Roni Corrado
 Good and Welfare Sal Nocella
 Membership John Barbieri
 Newsletter Steve Pelonero
 Scholarship / Brian Piccolo Joe Agresti PNP / Chuck Russo
 Study Abroad Collegiate Scholarship Joseph Agresti PNP
 Website Steven Pelonero / John Barbieri

Did you know that we are also on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter ?

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**UNICO National
March Mid-Year
Board of Directors
Meeting**

**Friday and Saturday
March 23 and 24**

**All members
are welcome
and always urged
to attend**



UNICO NATIONAL

2018 MID-YEAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Friday, March 23th thru Sunday, March 25th, 2018



Myrtle Beach Marriott Resort & Spa at Grande Dunes
8400 Costa Verde Drive
Myrtle Beach, South Carolina 29572

UNICO GROUP ROOM RATE
\$149/per night
Start date: March 21, 2018 to March 26, 2018

Reservations can be made three ways

1. Call **1-800-228-9290**
 - Identify Yourself as Being Part of the UNICO Group
 - Give the Agent your Arrival & Departure Dates
2. Online by using this link (Hold ctrl key and click on links below):
[Book your group rate for UNICO National Board of Directors Meeting](#)
3. Use the MyrtleBeachMarriott.com website using the code UNIUNIA

RESERVATION CUTOFF DATE: March 4, 2018

**The \$25.00 Resort fee will be waived for all guests attending the Event.
Reservations need to be cancelled 3 days prior to arrival to avoid being charged
1 night room and tax.**

DON'T FORGET! - FILL OUT YOUR MID-YEAR MEETING REGISTRATION FORM BY MARCH 9TH AND SEND IT WITH PAYMENT TO:

UNICO NATIONAL

271 US HIGHWAY 46 WEST, SUITE F-103 FAIRFIELD, NJ 07004-2458
Phone: 973-808-0035 Fax: 973-808-0043 e-mail: uniconational@unico.org

About UNICO ~ UNICO is the largest Italian American Service Organization in the United States
Unity, Neighborliness, Integrity, Charity, Opportunity

UNICO was founded on October 10, 1922 in Waterbury, Connecticut. A group of 15 men, led by Dr. Anthony P. Vastola, came together to create what has become a very special and very proud organization. It was Dr. Vastola's dream to create an Italian American service organization to engage in charitable works, support higher education, and perform patriotic deeds. Our motto is "Service Above Self".

Each year, the UNICO Foundation and the UNICO National Chapters across the country donate approximately \$1 million to various charities. Scholarships continue to be the primary focus of UNICO, as roughly one-third of all monies raised goes to deserving students from all of the chapter locations throughout the chain.

UNICO National has funded major research in Cooley's Anemia and Mental Health. Through its association with the Jimmy Valvano Foundation it has funded over 10, \$50,000 grants to help find a cure for Cancer. These worthy areas continue to receive generous support from the chapters and its members for these worthy causes.

If you would like to attend one of our meetings to see if you might be interested in joining UNICO, please contact us through any member, or through our email. We would be honored to have you as a member of our Passaic Valley UNICO Chapter.

Committee Comments

Community Service Day ~ “Save the Date”

We have been approved by ShopRite of Little Falls to once again conduct our annual Food Drive at the entrances of the store on SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 2018. As has been the case over the last few years, the success of this event depends on the continued unselfish support of the chapter members. Please mark this date on your calendar. Details will be discussed at the chapter meetings

Thank you
Chuck Russo



Wine and Refrigerator Raffle ~~~ Tickets are now available

To help raise some money for our chapter and also for UNICO National, our chapter is now chairing a wine raffle fundraiser to be pulled on June 18th at PJ Rufo's in Woodland Park. Tickets are available through every chapter member ~ Just \$5.00 can get you chance to win some wine with a refrigerator. The flier is on our website, and also on page 6 of this newsletter

Thank you,
Steve Pelonero





The photos shown are not the actual prizes to be awarded



JUNE 18, 2018

WINE AND

REFRIGERATOR

RAFFLE

Just \$5.00 a ticket



The proceeds will benefit our 2020 Vision Fund and other UNICO emergency causes

**Passaic Valley
UNICO**

**Serving
Little Falls,
Totowa,
Woodland Park**

A

2020 Vision Raffle

**40 Bottles of Wine
with Refrigerator**

Just \$5.00

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June 18, 2018

March ~ marzo

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Passaic Valley Chapter Member




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